

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 20, 1900.

THE U. S. House of Representatives yesterday passed a bill to incorporate the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, thus attempting to do honor to the memory of an aider and abettor of that murderous incendiary, John Brown, who tried to raise a servile insurrection in the South, in which white women and children would have been the chief victims. Instead of trying to obliterate the memories of internecine troubles, the U.S. Congress seems to be constantly engaged in efforts to perpetuate such memories. But those whom the gods would destroy they first make mad.

It is fairly estimated that if all the provisions of the objectionable commissioners of valuation act be enforced. merchants will be forced to become perjurers or else be compelled to go out of business, as the tax on them will amount to more than any possible profit they can make on their invested capital. Nearly, if not all the nonprovidential misfortunes that have fallen upon this State and this country have been the direct and legitimate result of legislative enactments, and yet there still are some Americans silly enough to believe that legislatures and Congresses are requisite and necessary to the welfare of the people.

AT A democratic conference in Lincoln, Neb, yesterday, a plan for the democratic national platform was drawn up. It is a very good one of its kind, but, like the tobacco of a late famous republican politician of this city, as described by one of his political friends, is of a very bad kind, as it declares in fawor of the Nicaragua canal, a scheme to get hundreds of millions of dollars out of the treasury for the especial benefit of a Northern company and of Northern ship-owners. How Southern democrats can favor it passes common understanding.

THE administration poses as a just equitable and humanitarian one, and an exemplar to the people of the far off countries its soldiers and sailors have conquered, seized and annexed. But it does many things of which that of a less assuming nation would not dare do, for the sake of its own reputation. For instance, it pays an annuity to the slave holding and polygamous sultan of Sulu for acknowledging its suzerainty, but refuses to give a cent to the legit mate queen of Hawaii, whom it has deprived, without cause, of all her rightful possessions.

THE military commander of Porte Rico telegraphed yesterday that four hundred tons of provisions a week are required to save the people of that island from herrors of starvation. But until Mr. McKinley went to war with Spain to relieve the subjects thereof from "cruel oppression" and to confer upon them the 'inestimable benefits' of freedom and home rule, those people were prosperous, happy and contented. They have had misery thrust upon them by an alien nation that professed to be acting for their good.

THE VARIOUS amendments to the Porto Rico bill proposed by Messrs. Davis, Nelson, Beveridge and other republican and administration Senators each and all, show that that bill or sny of its provisions will be cheerfully sacrificed by the President, if by so doing his newly adopted idea that "the flag" does not carry the Constitution with it, can be preserved and he be permitted to deal with the new provinces as he

THE REPUBLICANS of Fairfax county yesterday expressed their opposition to the President's Porto Rican policy, but at the same time declared in favor of his renomination and re-election. They are for men and not for pribciples, and vainly imagine that while the former may be of service to them, the latter cannot be, and that one bird in hand. to them, is worth more than a dezen in the bush.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. Washington, March 20.

Representative Hay of Virginia, from the House committee on military af-fairs filed today a favorable report on a bill providing for a memorial park on the largest battlefield in the world. It comprises Chancellorsvilla, Salem Church, Fredericksburg, Spottsylvanis courthouse, Wilderness and other neighboring battlefields in Virginia.

The House committee on military affairs today made a favorable report on the sales of the sales

the bill to give additional officers to the subsistence department. There will be one new lieutenant-colonel and five captains.

The House committee on claims to day authorized a favorable report on a bill to pay \$20,000 to W. H. Wana maker, brother of the ex Postmaster General. On March 4, 1891, President Gideon W. Marsh was arrested for making false reports and misapplying funds of the Philadelphia Keystone National \$20,000. He skipped and Wanamaker ball ted.

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vember 3, 1898, was apprehended. He was convicted and sentenced to twelve years. The bill is to repay the amount

of the bond to Wanamaker.

As Mr. Beveridge introduced his free trade amendment to the Porto Rico bill in the Senate yesterday immediate-ly after he had talked with the President, a good deal of curiosity is mani-fested concerning the speech he will make on that amendment next Thurs-

lay. It is reported today that the President is considering a proposal to offer Gen. "Jue" Wheeler the command of the department of the Lakes. Nothing definite has yet been determined about it, nor will there be until after Secretary Root, who is now on his way here from Cuba, has had an opportunity to consult with both Gen. Wheeler and the President.

Representative Jones of Virginia, who was in R chmond the night the valuation bill, or rather, the bill to increase the number of offices and the patronage thereof, passed the legisla-ture, says he heard some of the legisla-tors say then they feared they had done wrong in passing that bill, and that they would soon find out they had. Their hi d, was evidently better than their fore, sight. Strange as it may seem, many Con-

gressmen are in receipt of letters from newspapers in their districts protesting against the passage of the bill excluding from second class mail matter spurious newspapers, mere advertising sheets called newspapers, though the bill referred to is intended and will

bill referred to is intended and will benefit all legitimate newspapers.

The administration, like the previous one, has adopted the policy of centralization in every respect, and is dead against individualism. Even in the matter of the census enumerators, the appointments, it is understood, are made, not by the supervisors, but upon the recommendation of the State Senators and Represent stives. Senator Daniel said today the director of the census had so informed him, but that he did not want the patronage, believing it does the man who has it at believing it does the man who has it at his disposal more tarm than good, and had turned his over to the Representatives in his section of the State. In respect of the new section of the caste. It respects to the second commissioners of valuation act in his State, Mr. Daniel expressed the opinion that it would not stand the test of the courts. He said it is as objectionable to country as to city people and that most of the bank depositors people and that most of the bank depositors in his city were country people. He agreed that it was especially hard upon Alexandria. The House claims committee agreed at their meeting today to report favorably a bill to ray Arthur Cornell of Newpert's News, Virginia, \$2,050, for the occupation by the federal authorities of a building belonging to him in Memphia during the war between the States.

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Representative Rhea of Virginia continued his argument in his contested election rase before the House elections committee teday. Members of the committee say he has conducted his case admirably both in the manner of his treatment of his confestant and of the committee.

the committee.

The House agricultural committee agreed today to increase the appropriation for seed, so as to give each Congressman ten, instead of five, thousand packages for distribution among his constituents.

discussing Puerto Eican affairs. The President will be satisfied with anything the majority of Congress does," said one Cabinet member after the meeting This remark might well be taken as the President's text of knew nothing of the shooting until years the president's text of the shooting until years. procedure these days. The Chief Executive has been more wrought up over the Porto Rican tariff question than by anything that the procedure these days. has occurred since the war with Spain. He now says, "it's up to you, gentlemen. I'll be entirely satisfied with anything you do."

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The democratic Sensters are disposed to poke a great deal of fun at Senster Mason because of his failura yesterday to make his motion to discharge the foreign relations ommittee from further consideration of his resolution expressing sympathy with the Boers in their struggle against Great Britain. Boers in their struggle against Great Britain. The doors had to be closed recently to ke p from the public a discussion that Mr. Davis and others thought would be injurious to this government, It was then freely charged that Mr. Asson had been disciplined in secret session by the republican leaders. He served notice that he would make another strempt. Yesterday, however, he was informed that the doors would again be closed if he persisted. Senator Stewart said today: "I think Mason has been struck in the able men with a red sandstone. They have get men with a red sandstone. They have got him in hand. When Mason knows the deors are to be closed he loses all interest in the

Proceedings."
The mints of the country are to be started The mints of the country are to be stated making small coins at a rate never before equated in this country. Under the new currency law just passed the subsidiary coi s must be increased until the value of the whole in circulation shall be one hundred million dollars. There are only eighty millions in circulation now and the other twenty must be minted as soon as possible.

## THE WAR IN AFRICA.

An interview with President Kruger sent by mail from Pretoria February 10 by way of Peris, and thus escaping the British censors, throws a great deal of light on the South African war. He said the fight was one of liverty or death, and that "every American should ne with us in this s rugele for liberty.'
The President declared that he expect ed no aid from other nations. As to the size of the Boer army. President Kruger said it was then 40,000, "but with God's aid we can prevail." Since that time the loss of General Cronje's army and other casualties have amounted to about 5,000, so that, according to President Kruger's statement, the Boers now have only 35,000 men with which to combat England's army of 200,000, This figure is believed in London to be correct. Thirty-two thousand additional British troops are now on the way to South Africa.

President Kruger says the war was forced upon the Boers by England, "misled by Cecil Rhodes and the mining millionaires, who want the country." The Transvaal, he declared, was willing to make peace at any time, but only on the basis of absolute independ-

The Russian answer to President Kruger's request for intervention, it is said, will soon be made public. A St. Petersburg dispatch states that the note is "directed with due precaution against England," and that it is certain to make

a deep impression.

Plans for the coming British advance on Pretoria are beginning to develop. It is believed in London that the movement will be in three columns-Lord Roberts from Bloemfontein with fully 60,000 men and 200 guns, Buller from Ladysmith with 40,000 men and 120 guns and Methuen from Klerksdorp with a force of unknown strength. Roberts and Buller would thus each have a larger force than the entire Boer

army.

It is reported that the Boers have raised the siege of Mafeking, but this is not officially confirmed as yet,

COURT OF APPEALS. Scott vs. Moore; further argued and

abmitted. Nelson vs. Triplett; continued. Payne ve. Zell; argued and submit-

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The French Chamber of Deputies has voted for the finance bi'l, including a in Lunenburg county, were burned credit of 2,400 000 francs for rebuilding yesterday evening. Loss \$8,000. the Theatre Francaise.

The U. S. Senstorial commission which will study Cuba's needs arrived at Havana yesterday. The arrival caused no excitement.

The Dowager Empress of China is showering decorations upon and raising to distinction prominent members of the anti-foreign powers. Bishop Potter, of New York, who

has just returned from the Philippines, said in an interview that the natives are not fit for self-government. The attorney for the Goebel family says they know the assessin of William Goebel, and that not the republicans,

but the anti-Goebel party are guilty of the crime. Bishop Hurst recently said to the New Jersey M. E. Church Conference that President McKinley, upon retiring from the presidency, would become professor of international law at the

American University. Rev. Anthony Hauberich, until last Wednesday one of three pastors of St. Anothony's Catholic Church, at Butler, N. J., has renounced the Catholic faith and has announced that he intends to

enter the Protestant ministry. The reported consolidation of the American Bell Telephone Company with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, of New York, has received confirmation through the issuance of the call for the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bell Telephone Company, to be held in Boston Thirtieth Virginia regiment. March 27.

Harry H. Heeth, as he called himself when arrested in Baltimore about two weeks ago on the charge of having in his possession alleged stoten postage stamps, valued at \$650, turns out to be Charles R. French, a civil engineer and surveyor, and a resident of Houston, He was committed for the action of the federal grand jury. A postoffice in the locality of Houston was destroyed by fire and stamps to the value of

COLONEL WICKHAM SHOOTS HIMSELF.

Colonel Wms. F. Wickham, by acci dent or intent, shot himself Sunday afternoon in his chamber at his home, in Powhatan, at 2 o'clock. Dinner bad had left the room, thinking Colonel Wicknam was following, and had gotten only a few steps when she heard the shot, and, rushing to the room, found her husband on the floor with serious wound in the temple. Colonel Wickham left Richmond Friday afternoon to go to his home in Powhatau county.

He took with him his private secre-A report from the supervising architect was received in the Senace today, recommending an additional appropriation of \$7,500 for the public building in Norfolk.

The Cabinet spent most of its time today which Colonel Wickham was interestwhich Colonel Wickham was interested. For some reason the depositions were not taken, and Mr. Talley returner-iu-law of Col Wickham, stating that Col. Wickham had accidentally shall nimself, out he thought he would recover soon. Dr. Johnston yesterday morning said that a bullet had entered the right side of the face, and lodged in the neck, and while it was serious, the wound was not necessarily fatal,

Colonel Wickham is one of the most the prominent republicans of the State and has for years figured as a leader in his party, and has been mentioned in connection with the vacancy now existing in the Fourth congressional dis-trict. He is a political leader, and controls an extensive law practice. He is

married and has three small children. "He was never in better spirits than on Friday night," said Mr. Talley yes-terday morning. "One of his children was two years old at that time, and the birthday was being appropriately cele-brated. We went hunting Friday evening, and the colonel was apparent

ly very happy."
Owing to the weakness of Col. Wickham, the ball was not probed for. He recognizes his acquaintances, but is not conscious of the act of the shooting. He seems to think some one has struck him, and asks about his assailant. His family see no reason for his taking his life, and assert that he was as well as ever and in perfect good cheer before the accident. He was reported has night from Powhatan courthouse as

resting easily.

A prominent citizen of Powhatan county reached Ricamond yesterday, and gave an account of the unfortunate has been in ill health for several months and at times has been considered by his family and friends to be despon-

dent. The Richmond News says: Information was received here today of the accidental shooting of Colonel W. F. Wickham, at his bome in Powhatan county. He was handling a pistol in his room when it was discharged and the bullet entered the side of his head and came out of his jaw. The wound is not serious and he will recover. His many friends here were greatly distressed at the occurrence, and were much relieved to learn that the wound was not fatal. .

## TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Miss Olga Nethersole scored a victory in the Sapho case in New York today when Justice Fursman, of the Supreme Court, handed down a decision transferring the case from special sessions to general sessions. Before the defendants can be tried indictments must be found against them by the grand jury and then they must be tried by a jury.

A dispatch from Chicago says all efforts for a settlement of the difficulties between the International Association of Machinists and their employers, though the National Association of saled avenged, al Trades Manufacturers having failed wenged.

Mr. C. B. Riddick stated last night manufacturers having itself into though the National Association of Mettions of machinery manufacturies, or in-

dividual employers. In New York today Third Avenue street VIRGINIA NEWS.

Several stores and houses in Meherrin

Capt. Wm. T. Whittaker, a native of Petersburg, 61 years old, and master mechanic of the Danville and Western Railroad shops, died at Danville yesterday of Bright's disease.

The banking house of Conway, Gordon & Garnett, of Fredericksburg, is to reorganize as a national bank, with P. V. Conway president, and A. Randolph Howard cashier. Jesse R. Anderson, of Stafford, broth-

er of William Anderson, of Fredericks-burg, died at his home, near Spotted Tavern, Sunday, of Bright's disease, aged fifty-two years. Rev. J. W. Rosebro, D. D., pastor of Tabb Street Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, yesterday received a call

to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Fredericksburg. Two additional infantry companies are about ready to be mustered in. It is probable that there will soon be enough companies to form two regiments, when orders will be issued for that

purpose. Dr. Richmond A. Lewis, one of the oldest and most prominent physicians and educators of Richmond, died Sunday night. Dr. Lewis was seventy-six years of age, and a native of Spottsylvania county.

Col. Henry A. Ware, a well-known Virginian, died at Huntington, W. Va., Saturday morning. He was a native of Caroline county, and during the civil war was a member of Company E. Mr. Thomas S. Lloyd, master me-

chanic of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, has tendered his resignation to President Stevens and will become the superintendent of motive power of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad at a handsome salary.

Many fruit and tomato canners of the Northern Neck and Rappahannock county have announced that they will close down this season, because of the high price of cans, alleged to be due to the tin trust, and the decline in the price of canned products, tomatoes especially.

The Shenandoah county republicans held their convention at Woodstock yesterday and elected delegates to the district and State conventions. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the ad-Powhatan, at 2 o'clock. Dinner bad ministration of McKinley and the been announced and Mrs. Wickham State committee and its chairman, Mr. Park Agnew.

Mr. Samuel Green, of Dinwiddie county, was instantly killed yesterday atternoon. He was in a store at Church Road when some one accidentally knocked a gun down, which caused it to be discharged. The load struck Mr. Green in the forehead and tore away nearly the whole of his head.

Henry V. Chancesulame, of Harrisonburg, was asphyxiated by illuminating gas yesterday evening in his room at Mrs. Milburn's boarding house in Baltimore. A rubber hose, which con-nected his reading lamp with a lamp on the wall, had slipped from its place, and in this way the gas had escaped.

Robert Kennedy, residing near Oldnam, Westmoreland county, committed suicide at his home about 9 o'clock Sunday night with a shotgun, His children had just returned from courch. Wrien they knocked and asked bim to open the door, he responded "Wait a minute," and then shot himsetf twice in the left side,

The Lynchburg Advance says : Capt. Pat McCaull, of the United States volun-

grandfather, on a charge of having be trayed a neighbor's young daughter. The girl was married about Christmas, She and her husband lived happily till a few days ago, when the latter returned his girl-wife to her home. She ac-cused the aged neighbor, who had been a friend of the family for many years.

Adjutant General Nalle and the other military officers in Virginia are using their influence in behalf of the bill pending in Congress to appropriate \$2,000,000, instead of \$400,000 innual y for the equipment of the members of the National guard. Virginia receives \$10,000 a year under the present appropriation. She would get \$50,000 auqually should the bill in question be

The Governor has declined to exercise executive clemency in the case of Reuben Grigg, the negro youth under sentence to be executed at Cumberland Court House next Friday for criminal assault upon a colored girl, Judge Miller, Commonwealth's Attorney Smith, the mother of the girl and several members of the jury petitioned the executive to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

Dr. Whistler died in London, Ergland, February 27 last. Dr. Whistler was a practicing physician in Richmond before the civil war, and later entered the medical department of the army of Northern Virginis. He was sent as representative of the Confederate med-ical department to London to purchase supplies for the Confederacy, and after the war made the British capital his home. He was a member of Pickett Camp, Richmond,

A MESSAGE OF VENGEANCE.-Just pefore his death Sunday afternoon, Dr. N. H. Temple, of Brunswick county, who was shot Sunday a week ago by Rev. J. E. R. Riddick, stated that if his assailant was insane, he wanted him confined in a lunatic asylum; if not ineane, he wanted the extreme penalty of the law meted out to him, and if he escaped on any technicality he wanted his (Temple's) friends to deal with him as they thought best. Sunday night the officers at Lawrenceville, fearing mob violence, took the prisoner out into the woods, where they kept him until morning. A special from near the scene of the tragedy, however, says Pastor R ddick be given a speedy trial, Rev. Mr. Riddiak received the news of his victim's death very indifferently, simply remarking that his family were

battles between the machinists unions that his brother would not plead insanof the various cities and local organizatity, but justification, and that the evidence in support of that plea would be very strong.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, March 20. SENATE.

After routine morning business in the Senate today Mr. Pettigrew asked consent to print as a public document certain expressions of eminent men. He read several paragraphs, which excited the curiosity of Mr. Haie, cauring him to inquire "Whose wise sayings are those?" Mr. Pettigrew would not gratify his curiosity for some moments, but finally be said the utterances were chiefly those of Abraham Lincola, with some from Washington and Jefferson. Mr. Sewell objected because the manuscript looked bulky and he did not know what else it contained. Mr. Pettigrew withdrew the request, adding that the republicans did not care to hear anything from Lincoln as they had long since departed from his poli-

Mr. Hale, from the naval affairs committee, reported favorably a bill providing for a submarine cable from San Francisco to Honolulu. The work, according to the bill, is to be done us der the supervision of the navy department, and the cables, wires and other instruments, material and appliances necessary in the work of laying the cable shall be of American manufacture. The estimated cost of the line will not exceed \$3,000,000.

The committee on appropriations re-Senate. The committee recommends an increase of \$79,144 40 over the mount of the House bill,

Mr. Morgao, when the Puerto Rican bill was called up, discussed in general the questions relating to the insular possessions of the United States. He held that the United States could not abandon the Philippines or Paerto Rico, and that until Congress legislated specifically we could not even abandon Cuba. Treaty rights must be secured to all these islands.

HOUSE.

The House committee on military affairs held an animated executive ser sion this morning, the most important matter under consideration being the Sulzer resolution directing the Secretary of War to inform the House what fortifications Great Britain is erecting along the northern frontier of the United States. A report from the War Department was read to the effect that nformation on such subjects is of a private, confidential character and that no good could result from making it putic. American interests are not men aced, Adjutant General Corbin said. A

heated debate ensued, the republican-sustaining the War Department, the democrats supporting Mr. Sulzer's view. By a strict party vote it was dicided to report the resolutions, accom-panied by the War Department report to the House with the recommendation that they be tabled. Coairman Hull submitted the report

to the House sportly after noon. Mr. Sulzer insisted that the resolu tion had been offered in good faith. It did not call for secret information, he said. "The report of the adjutant general, saying the information is secret, i preposterous and untensble. While England pretends to be our friend she building on our northern frontier for tifications that threaten our republic and from which in 24 hours she could destroy our great cities. But the in formation is denied us. It seems we are allowed to do nothing that could displease Downing street. The administration here is more Engish than the administration in Lou don. If this administration had not a few days ago followed the instructions it received from Lord Pauncefote there would have been a concert of action by the powers in behalf of the Boers." On a rising vote the motion to lay Mr. Sulzer's resolution on the table was

carried, 94 to 83. The ayes and noes were demanded

by the democrats. The resolutions were tabled by

party vote; yeas 110, nays 97. The House began this afternoon consideration of the Loud bill to prevent the abuse of the privilege of second class mail matter. It was arranged that the vote on the bill should be taken at

4 p. m. Thursday.

Mr. Loud recalled the fact that he had said in 1898, when the bill was beaten, that he would never present it again. He had reconsidered this de termination, however, because fully 200 members of the House had asked him to bring the bill forward again. He declared that not one person in fifty who protested against the bill had the slightest conception of its provisions, From first to last, he declared, the opposition was based on ignorance and misrepresentation.

NEBRASKA DEMOCRATS, The democratic State convention of Nebraska met at Lincoln last night. The commistee on resolutions presented a platform which was adopted amid great enthusiasm and is considered significant as forecasting in Hon. Wiliam J. Bryan's State the national platform. The platform of the Coicego convention was endorsed; an income tax urged; arbitration favored in settling disputes between corporations and employes; municipal ownership of mu-nicipal franchises erjoined; favored pensions in deserving cases; the building of the Nicaragua cana; condemned the Dingley tariff till; declared war on trust ; urged free ellver; condemned the Puerto Rico tariff bill: favored Filipino independence and expressed sympathy

with the Boers.
Mr. Bryan, in his speech before the convention, dealt almost entirely with the question of money, trusts, imperialism, the Puerto Rico tariff bill and the

Philippine question. RAILBOAD CONSOLIDATION. - The persistent rumors of consolidation between the Atlantic Coast Line and the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potemac Railroad are attributed to an offer made by the Coast Line of \$175 p r share for the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac stock, with a view share for the State's interest in this line. Maj. Myers, president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, was seen yesterday and asked re-"There is nothing in it," said he.
"There has been no consolidation so know." The general impression in Richmond is that the Coast Line will absorb the Richmond, Fredericksburg

Rev. W. E. Sitzer, W. Caton, N. Y., writes "I had dyspepsia over twerty years, and tried doctors and medicines without benefit. I was persuaded to use Kodol Despepsia Cure and it helped me from the start. I believe it to be a panaces for all forms of indigestion."

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Commissioners of Valuation Law.

[Special dispatch to Alexaudria Gazette ] Richmond, March 20.-The three cases to test the valuation commissioner law came up today before the Virginia Supreme Court and the 28th of March was agreed upon for a hearing of them was agreed upon for a hearing of them all. Lawyers were present from Alex-andria, Lynchburg, Norfolk, Newport News and Hampton. Mr. Hill Carter will assist Attorney-General Montague for the State. The application for a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Assistant Cashier W. Frank Lambert, of Alexandria, who went to jail rather than give information concerning the account of a depositor, was made returnable tomorrow.

Dr. Hunter McGuire Paralyzed. Richmond, Va., March 10,-Dr Hunter McGuire was paralyzed yesterday evening in his right side. He is entirely conscious, but cannot speak.

Foreign News. Vienna, March 20.—It is reported that Don Carlos has abandoned his claims to the throne of Spain and will

assume Austrian citizenship.
Vienna, March 20 — Twenty-five
peasants were drowned today white crossing the Danube at the village of Paks. Copenhagen, March 20.-The British

minister to Denmark, Mr. E. D. V. Fane, is dead. Plymouth, Eng., March 20.—A gua exploded on board the battleship Conqueror here today, waunding three

Yokohama, March 20.—The Japa-nese pavy will begin important secret naval manoeuvres the end of March. The fact gives currency to more ru-more that Japan expects war with Ru-

Paris, Match 20.—The French Minis'er at
Worocco has left his post. It is rumored tha
the departure of the French Minister is due to diplomatic tension in Morocco, especially be tween the French and English Minister-Russia recently secured a permanent representative in Morecco.

The ituation in South Africa. London, March 20.-The war office fficials say there is no reason to expect that Mafeking will soon be relieved un-less the Boers deliberately abandon the investment. Apparently from this opinion the war office does not think that Col. Plumer's torce, which is with-in a new days march of Mafeking, is strong enough to raise the siege. There is nothing of striking interest in the South African situation today and no dispatches of importance have been reeived in the past twenty-four hours. Some of the experts think the next fighting will take place in Natal resultant on an attempt to turn the Boers' positions on the Biggarsberg.
Capetown, March 20.—Gen. Kitchen-

er entered Priesks, the centre of the disaffected district in the middle west of Cape Colony, today. He was not opoosed. The loyalists gave him an en husiastic reception and hundreds of ebels surrendered their arms.

Bloemfontein, March 20.-It is reported that President Steyn has sent special envoys to various towns in the Free State with the object of reform ng he scattered commandos and concentrating them a Kroonstadt, Bloemfontein, March 20.-The Boers have destroyed the railway bridge and

entrenched themselves on the banks of the Modder, fourteen miles porth of here. General Joubert, it is reported, s in command. A dispatch from Bloemfontein says: "In a speech which he made here a few days before the British entered the town, President Kruger admitted that

his men would be unable to keep in the Lord Wolseley, the commander-inchief of the armies of the empire, says the Daily News, made this prediction many weeks ago: "Bloemfontein will fall on March 15, and Pretoria, if the Boer resistance is continued, on May

A dispatch from Washington says It developed last night that the Gernan Ambassador called on Secretary Hay Saturday to endeavor to have the United Seates government take steps to prevent the Boers from destroying the

city of Johannesburg. London, March 20.—Press dispatches from Bloemfontein today cause considerable surprise. The Boers are reported to be active within 14 miles of he Free State capital, having entreuched themselves on the upper Modder river. It was not thought that there were any Boers in force south of Kroonstadt. Apparently Joubert, who is said to be in command of the Boers at the Modder river, has taken advantage of Roberts' dministrative preoccupation at Bloemfontein to creep down the line from Kroons adt and heap up difficu-ties in the way of the British advance northward. The destruction of the railroad bridge over the Modder, which is reported, should be a serious impediment to Roberts and in order to repair it and make his advance by the railroad, he will have to engage Joubert in a position favorable to the latter. As a result a battle between the Boers and British in the Free State is likely to take place much sooner than was expecte !.

President Kruger on the War.

New York, March 20,-The follow

ing interview with President Kruger has been telegraphed from Pretoria to the New York Herald: "I have just had an interview with President Kru ger. He shows but little evidence in his countenance of the tremendous strain he is undergoing. He was dress ed in a rusty frock cost, the front of which was sprinkled with tobacco. He smoked a pipe during the whole interview. He sa'd: "This war was forced upon us by England, which has been misled by Ceci. Rundes and the mining millionaires who want the country. The Boers yielded as far as possible, until they saw that nothing but complete surrender of their inde-pendence wou'd satisfy England. Having been forced into the war, the Boers will conquer or die. I expect no aid from other nations, but we are glad of securing a through line to Washing-ton. The Seaboard Air Line pays \$200 a vaal is willing to make peace at any of sympathy and friendship. The Trans-Only absolute independence is possible. We do not want more territory, but are content with our present frontier if we garding the rumored consolidation, are permitted to live peacefully. This is all we ask. The Transvaal will stip-ulate in the peace terms that the Natal far, and none is contemplated as far as and Cape Colony Dutch now fighting I know." The general impression in with the Boers shall be regarded as belligerents and suffer no loss of property. I recently learned that some of these men had been captured by the British and were being tried at Capetown, charged with treason. This government cabled to Lord Salisbury stating that if such men were not treated as prisoners of war we would make reprisals on the British prisoners held here. Lord Salisbury replied dodging Advance please copy.

the real point and threatening if we in jured a single British prisoner to tol me personally responsible. I suppose h meant the British would hang me. Such threats are contemptible and cannot prevent me from performing my duty to my country. The Transval gov eroment replied today informing Lord Salisbury that they despise his threat-There is no truth in the story of a conspiracy among the south African Dutch. This is not their quarrel. The Orange Free State is bound by treaty to aid us. Mr. Schreiner repeatedly urged us to yield. It is too early to prophesy the outcome of the war or its duration.
The Boers are in God's hands and He will not let us perish. Our total figur ing strength is but forty thou-and, with God's sid we can prevail. I have two bundred blood relatives fighting, and would rather see them all perist than yield to E . lene's sion. It is linearly or death. I have protected British property in the Transvaal and shall continue to do so.

> Jealousy the Motive. Chicago, March 20 .- Annie Strother,

night cashier in Louis Swan's restaurant, was shot and instantly killed at one o'clock this morning by Mrs. Car rie mith. The murderess escaped but was captured at 7 o'clock and confess. ed. Jeslousy is thought to have been the motive. Miss Strother was believe ber desk when the murderess entered and fired four shots point plant at the cashier. Three of the bullets took etfeet and the girl fell dead behind her desk. The assailant then placed the revolver under her cape and hurried v left the place. Miss Strother came here from St. Louis and little is known of her former history.

A Subterranean Cave-in.

San Jacinto, Cal., March 20.—It has been discovered that part of San Ja cinto mountain has slipped into a sub terranean cave-in. Territory covering 600 acres at an elevation of 4,000 feet was dislodged by the Christmas earth quake and slipped 150 feet lower than t had previously stood for centuries. The face of the new valley is thickly traversed with fi-sures and cracks, varying in width from an inch to six eet across, and it is not possible to see the bottom nor to sound the depths by throwing stones into them.

Quarantined in a Car.

Buckhannoo, W. Va., March 20. Charles Van Horn, railway postal cierk, broke out with smallpox while on hi car at the station here and the car was quarantined. Yesterday Superintendent Lane came here to remove the man and to take the car. The cay bealth officer refused to permit the removal of the car without the man or the man from the car. The car is still side tracked and the man qu rantined.

Killed by a Bull.

Bloomsburg, Ps., March 20,-The meltiof the snow Sunday night reversed the trible fate of farmer Calvin a tout and his wife who resided near Hetlerville, a lit le village a few miles from here. Their mangled bodish were found tear the barn, where both had fallen victims to the fury of a victous Jerry buil. Since Thursday they had lain where buil. Since Thursday they had lein where they met their death. From the surround-ings it is clear that Mr Stout was attacked by the animal and gored and tramped to death when they went to let his cattle out of the paddock. The supposition is that his wife, seeing him in peril, rushed to his assistance and was also killed.

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A Fiendish Crime. Vancouver, B. C., March 20 .- The steamer from Skagway brings news of the street that of nine Indians, the perpetrators of a fleadish crime there last O tober. The victims were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Worthing, who were slo down over their outdoor fire at night. A Indian, it was alleged, had been killed by white men some time before, and it was to way of revenge that Worthing and his will were shot. The bodies were hidden in

The Markets.

Chicago, March 20.—The market closed is follows: Wheat -May 67% at 67%, July 68% a 67%. Core-May -. Pork-May -. Georgetown, March 20.—Wheat 68x75

OTIS TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS.-A di patch from Washington says. "Active field operations in the Philippines are fast approaching an end until after the wet sea on The large forces maintained in mountain tricts pursuing Filipinos soon will be widrawn to the coast towns, baving small tachments to look after guerrilla bands. And techments to look after guerrilla bands officers in Washington as well as with to Otis, disagree as to the necessity for must saining in the Philippines the present force more than 60,000 men. They disagree as to the extent to which the process of jugating the natives has been carried, said that the fighting until next autume above confined to bashwhavk are exceedited. be confined to bushwhacking expelling eccssionally an encounter with bands tempting to seize supply trains."

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On Sunday, March 18, 1900, at his reddence, 308 Commerce street, Mrs. Union 18, 1800, at his reddence, 308 Commerce street, Mrs. Union 18, 1800, at took place at 10 o'clock this morning from 5t Mary's Church.

At Warrenton, Va., March 19, 1900, at the residence of her nephew, Henry er gelluCY ELIZA PATTIE, wife of shorts Botts Finks. Funeral Thursday at 2 p. m. from the M. E. Church, Warrenton.

On Monday, March 19, 1900, at 4 a m. GEORGE DARLEY. Funeral from 181